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SUBJECT: AMERICANS IN VIETNAM AND OTHER AMERICAN-
VIETNAMESE CONSULAR MATTERS

REFERENCE: BANGKOK 12574

1. DEPT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S REPORT ON RECENT MEETING
WITH UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE HAN. IN CONNECTION WITH EMBASSY
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COMMENTS ON PROCESSING, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON CURRENT
EFFORTS OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS ON BEHALF OF REUNIFICATION
OF FAMILIES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS MAY BE USEFUL TO EMBASSY.

2. WE NOTE THAT UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE STRESSED THE IMPOR-
TANCE OF AVAILABILITY OF COPIES OF BASIC DOCUMENTS IN
CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO EXIT VIETNAM.

ICRC CONSIDERS THAT PRESENTATION OF ORIGINALS OF PERTINENT DOCUMENTS TO VIETNAM AUTHORITIES IS ESSENTIAL FOR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF EXIT PERMIT APPLICATIONS. DURING PAST FEW MONTHS, ON BASIS OF ICRC RECOMMENDATION, AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH AMERICAN CITIZEN KNOWN TO DESIRE REUNIFICATION WITH HIS IMMEDIATE RELATIVES IN VIETNAM TO ADVISE THEM OF THIS RECOMMENDATION OF THE ICRC AND REQUEST THAT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS BE SUBMITTED TO ARC FOR TRANSMISSION TO ICRC FOR USE IN FUTURE. IN

ADDITION, ARC IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A CURRENT STATEMENT FROM EACH AMCIT OF HIS RELATIONSHIP TO VIETNAMESE DEPENDENTS AND HIS DESIRE FOR REUNIFICATION AS WELL AS AN AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT AND PRESENT ADDRESS OF DEPENDENTS, IF KNOWN. ARC REPORTED RELUCTANCE ON PART OF AMCITS TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. TO OVERCOME THIS RELUCTANCE AMCITS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RETAIN COPIES WHICH CAN BE CERTIFIED BY LOCAL OFFICES OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICES, BY AN ATTORNEY, OR BY AN AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICE ABROAD. COPIES OF I-130 PETITIONS MAY ALSO BE CERTIFIED BY INS IN USA OR BY CONSULAR OFFICES ABROAD. ARC HAS ALSO REQUESTED ICRC TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHAT VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES MIGHT ACCEPT IN LIEU OF LOST AND IRREPLACEABLE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.

3. ARC IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN LOCATING SOME OF THE
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AMERICAN CITIZENS AND IS PURSUING ATTEMPTS THROUGH THEIR LOCAL CHAPTERS. THUS FAR, NO STATISTICS ON PROGRESS OF ARC ARE AVAILABLE. DEPT WILL REPORT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS TO EMBASSY. VANCE

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